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Amendments to the Written Description

Please amend the written description as follows:

Page 7, amend the paragraph beginning at line 18 to read:

When installed in a stack, part of the frame region 11 and the webs 13 are in electrical contact with the MEA and are used to conduct power. At the same time, the webs 13 are also used for even fluid distribution across the active surface and for fluid guidance across this surface. The fluid is fed via one of the two bore holes 16, 18, which are connected via the openings with the meandering channel 14, flows through this channel 14 and is removed again via the other bore hole. Because of the guided flow, there are no stagnation regions with reduced fluid exchange, which gives greater efficiency. In addition, the flow guidance guarantees locational ~~dependence~~ independence when the stack is used.